

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 647

By Freeman

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edwin L. "Eddie" Bryan of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Edwin L. "Eddie" Bryan; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Bryan was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryan graduated from Hume-Fogg High School in 1954, where he served as co-captain of the football team for three years; he completed twenty-four credit hours at the University of Tennessee at Nashville; and

WHEREAS, he also served for two years as a Machinist's Mate 3rd Class in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 3808, Mr. Bryan began his career working in Nashville as an installer and repairman for South Central Bell; and

WHEREAS, from 1975 to 1979, he served as the Deputy Commissioner of Labor for the Tennessee Department of Labor, and in 1981, Mr. Bryan was first elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee AFL-CIO Labor council; he was reelected to a new term in each subsequent election; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Bryan served on various community and government boards and commissions, including the Nashville Area United Way, which he served as labor liaison and a member of the board and executive committee; Citizens Advisory Committee of the Metro Urban Development Commission; Tennessee Conference of Social Welfare; Veterans Administration Volunteer Services Committee; Board of Directors of CWA

Plaza Apartments, which he served as chairman; and Metro Transit Authority Board, which he served from 1981 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the board of the American Red Cross, Nashville; the Public Service Advisory Committee of Tennessee State University; the Davidson County Election Commission as commissioner; the Grand Jury as foreman for two terms; the Jury Commission; the Metro Parks and Recreation Board; and the Tennessee Lawyers Fund for Client Protection, to which he was appointed in July 1998; and

WHEREAS, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Mr. Bryan was a member of Observance Lodge 686, the Director's Staff of the Al Menah Temple, and the Capital City Golf Association; he also served as past president and founder of the Music City Golf Association and treasurer of the Music City Fishing Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryan was a fixture in legislative hallways for decades and was loved by all; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryan was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his beloved wife, Mary K. Bryan, until the time of her passing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his daughter, Mary Yvonne Marian; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his sister, Martha Bills Maynard; grandchildren, Jason (Rebecca) Estes and Mary Ann (Jenifer) Estes; four great-grandchildren, Craig, Nicolas, Oliver, and Piper; and special friend, Kathy "The Kid" Deshotels; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Bryan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Edwin L. "Eddie" Bryan, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bryan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.